

N A R B E R T H U R B A N D I S T R I C T

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1954.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1954. I commenced my official duties with your Authority on 1st September, 1955. This report is therefore compiled from the work carried out by my predecessor, Dr. Dorothy Griffiths, and by Dr. D. J. Davies and Dr. Speedy.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1954
... 1,070 ...

	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D. 1954</u>	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D. 1953</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	13.08	14.08	16.72	15.2
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	10.28	8.4	12.40	11.3
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	Nil.	Nil.	32.23	25.5

Causes of Death

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total (all causes)	5	6
Tuberculosis (all forms)	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	3
Other heart disease	1	2
Other circulatory disease	1	1
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	1	-
Suicide	1	-

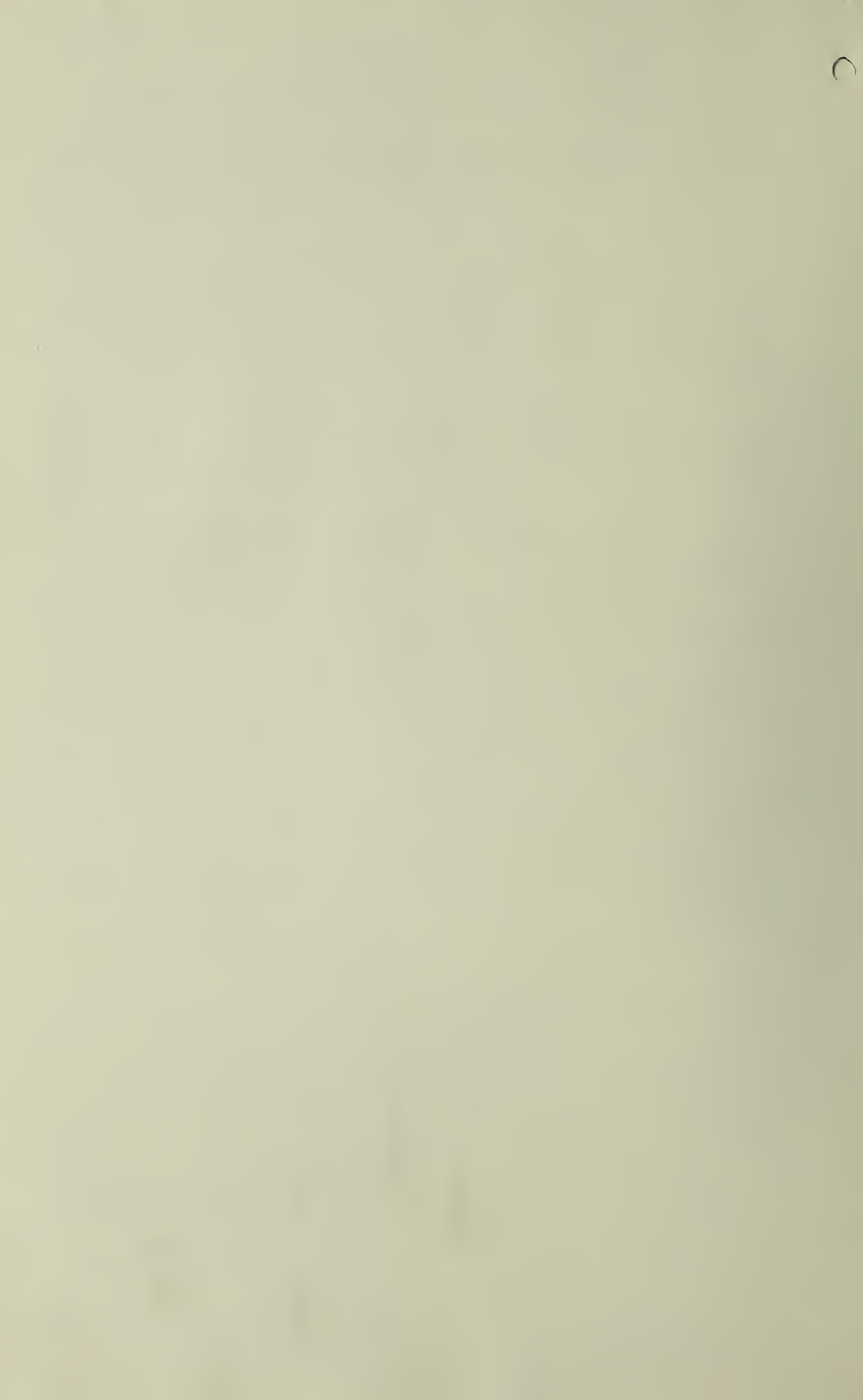
There were 14 births, as compared with 15 last year. One birth was illegitimate.

The Infant Mortality Rate is nil for the fifth successive year.

There were 11 deaths, compared with 9 in 1953. Three of these deaths were of persons over 70 years of age, and four were over the age of 80 years.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were no notifications of infectious diseases during the year.



TUBERCULOSIS

Two cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year, one of which was admitted to hospital for treatment.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County in the autumn, and spent three days at Narberth. Some of the persons examined at Narberth came from Carmarthenshire, and a large proportion came in from the surrounding rural area.

	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total No. of persons examined:	790	370	420
Definite Respiratory Tuberculosis:	1	-	1
Requiring further observation for respiratory tuberculosis:	4	3	1
Healed Primary Tuberculosis:	13	4	9
Non-tubercular abnormalities:	29	13	16

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE

VACCINATION

Records were received of 5 primary vaccinations.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Records were received of the immunisation of 10 children, and of re-inforcing injections given to 66 children.

Both Vaccination and Immunisation are carried out by the local doctors, who are paid by the County Council for records sent to your Medical Officer.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

No action was necessary under this section.

WATER SUPPLY

There are only a very few houses within the town which are not now connected to the Council's main piped supply. Samples of water have been taken for bacteriological examination and the results were as follows:-

Satisfactory - 7. Doubtful - 5. Unsatisfactory - 4.

As a result of the unsatisfactory results, the collecting chamber and the collecting area together with the reservoir were thoroughly cleansed.

SEWERAGE

A number of complaints were received during the year regarding the foul odours emanating from the open sewer adjoining Jesse Road, and until such time that the proposed sewerage scheme for the town is commenced and completed, there is very little that can be done to abate this nuisance. Blockages of the sewers were experienced and on such occasions the cause was found to be due to the collapse of the slabs in that part of the sewer which is still not piped.

HOUSING


There were no houses constructed during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

PHYLLIS M. BOWEN,

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1954

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts.)	21
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column)	1
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	3

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

<u>Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 & 16</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	1
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By owners)	1
<u>Public Health Acts</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	2
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By owners)	2
<u>Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 & 13</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	Nil
<u>Housing Act, 1936. Section 12</u>	
No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year.	1
No. of families dwelling therein.	2
No. of persons dwelling therein	8½
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	Nil
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year.	1
No. of persons concerned in such cases.	2

Particulars of work carried out during the year

No. of complaints received and investigated	21
No. of defects or nuisances discovered	16

Summary of Inspections

Dwelling Houses:-

No. of inspections arising from housing applications	Nil
No. of inspections under Housing Act, 1936.	18
No. of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	Nil
No. of inspections under Public Health Act.	33

Drainage	16
Infectious Disease Enquiries and Disinfections	2
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	Nil
Schools	4
Factories (including bakehouses)	19
Shops (including ice-cream premises)	10
Refuse disposal	28
Water supplies	12
Miscellaneous	17

No. of Notices served

Preliminary:	Housing	2	Other	8
Statutory:	Housing	1	Other	2

Summary Action

Summonses issued	Nil
Convictions obtained	Nil

Milk and Dairies Orders and Regulations

No. of Registered Retailers	2
No. of inspections	3

Milk Samples

The six samples taken were all satisfactory.

Rodent Control

A treatment was carried out on the Town Refuse Tip using Warfarin as a base. As a result, the rat population was practically eliminated and to ensure that such population is kept down to a minimum, the tip is baited regularly every month. Private premises were also treated.

Refuse Disposal

Owing to the fact that there is no other available place for the disposal of refuse the old tip on the Town Moor is still in use. It is rather unfortunate that the tip is so near to the town centre. However, the Council are aware of these circumstances and are making every effort in an endeavour to abate any possible nuisances from fires and rodent infestation. During the year a bulldozer was employed at a considerable cost to level the tip, and 75% of the rubbish was completely covered with soil. Tipping was then confined to that area of the tip which is a fair distance from the nearest house.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	16	6	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not in- cluded in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total:	16	6	Nil	Nil

